

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-38, drawn to a method of purifying troponin-tagged molecule, classified in class 514, subclass 12.
- II. Claims 39 and 40, drawn to a troponin tagged fusion protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- III. Claim 41, drawn to a method of detecting a troponin-tagged molecule, classified in class 514, subclass 12.
- IV. Claims 42-61, drawn to an affinity matrix comprising troponin C and a kit, classified in class 514, subclass 12.
- V. Claims 62-66, drawn to a method for detecting a troponin C-tagged molecule, classified in class 514, subclass 12.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, (claims 1-38) without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants hereby request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing (544042000100). However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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